Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3, and 5 (Canceled).

2. (Amended) A process for producing an ink-jet printer member which comprises

placing [in advance,] a pre-formed plastic[s] substrate [of] having a prescribed form in a

mold, and melt-injecting an elastic material [composed of] comprising a thermoplastic

elastomer into said plastics substrate, thereby integrally compositing [to subject said materials

to insert molding so that part of said the plastic[s] substrate and the elastic material [layer are

integrally composited].

4. (Amended) The process for producing an ink-jet printer member according to

Claim 2, wherein [a material for] the plastic[s] substrate [is] comprises at least one member

selected from the group consisting of styrenic resin, olefinic resin, polyamide resin, polyester

resin, modified polyphenylene ether, acrylic resin, polyacetal and polycarbonate.

6. (Amended) The process for producing an ink-jet member according to Claim 2,

wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is at least one copolymer [constituted of] comprising at

least one polymer block [containing] prepared from a vinyl aromatic compound as a principal

component and at least one polymer block [containing] prepared from a conjugated diene

compound as a principal component.

Claims 7-22 (New).

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